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In response to the Examiner's indication that Japanese Applications 2-116381 and 2-174859 have not been considered as to the merits, Applicant notes that these applications were considered by Examiner Hieu Phan, as evidenced by the initialed Form 1449 dated December 21, 2004 (copy enclosed). Accordingly, Applicant requests that these applications be listed on the face of the patent that issues from the present application.

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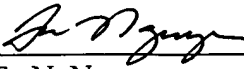
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